

OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

May 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“Trumpet in Dialogue”
“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Louis Clerambault
Michael McCabe

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #2 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

*HYMN #93 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Unison Prayer of Confession

adapted from ministrymatters.com

Lord, we are impatient! We want everything right now, instantly! We don’t want to wait for anything. We rush our holidays, our celebrations, our very lives and then wonder why our spirits are exhausted and depressed. Slow us down, Lord. Help us to enjoy the process of waiting for the wondrous things you offer us. Let us feel the power and beauty of praising you and singing your praises. Clear away our "high gear" mentality and place us on paths of peace and hope. Forgive our arrogance and impatience. Help us to overcome those traits which pull us away from you and from appreciating all that you have done for us. As we listen to the scriptures this day in which the disciples witnessed Jesus’ ascension to you, let our hearts be at peace knowing that you have taught us what we need to know to serve God joyfully in this world. Inspire us and give us delight for what is to come. Amen.

...a time of silence is kept...

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!
AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

*GLORIA PATRI #805

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end; Amen, Amen.***

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:45-53
Acts 1:1-11

Scott Benell

SERMON HYMN

“There Is a Redeemer”

(Insert)

SERMON

“Looking Up”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Heidelberg Catechism

Lord’s Day 26

(Insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Arioso”

Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY #809

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

MINISTRY MOMENT

Guest Elena VanSchaack

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #669

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING SONG

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

“Carillon Toccata”

Gordon Young

*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

Welcome to Old North. *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more
information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jena Rand-Babicz, Jon Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko
DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos



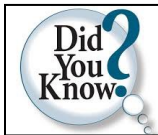
OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



There really is a message written on the back of the **Declaration of Independence**. In the movie *National Treasure*, a secret message written on the back of the declaration is a key plot device. In reality, there is a visible message on the back that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." It's not as dramatic as the movie and experts believe it was a label at some point when the Declaration was in storage.

Prayer Chain: If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.

Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.

Church Family Prayer List:

• Diana • Katie • Michael • Tom

For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks.
Ushers & Greeters: Gail McNeill, Ethel Reitsema
Thank you to Donair Karkkainen for hosting Coffee Hour today!

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
5/24	Donair Karkkainen, Cheryl Rodgers	Maureen Van Buren
5/31	Marianne and Mikayla Schmude	Scout Troop 64
6/7	Linda Treacy, Ethel Reitsema	Children's Day
6/14	Worship at the Parsonage	Church Picnic

Thank you to our Ushers and Greeters for serving with smiles, warm greetings, and a willing heart. Your dedication helps set the tone for worship. Because of you, church doesn't just feel like a place... it feels like home.

Congratulations to all our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!
Happy Birthday!

5/1 Steven Cordova - Tara Coughlin - Nate Schmude
 5/4 Erin (Benell) Costantino - Irene Yanick - 5/14 Ethel Reitsema
 5/17 Sean Coughlin - 5/22 - Thomas Edone - Alexandra Huth - Stephanie Hashway
 5/22 Andrew Huth - 5/25 Donair Karkkainen - 5/26 Marianne Schmude

Upcoming meetings following Sunday worship
DEACONS - May 31st

Thank you to the incredible volunteers and donors for making the Food Drive & Thrift Shoppe Donation Drive a success! Your generosity directly supports our community. Every item donated help provide crucial resources to those in need.

Thrift Shoppe: Our next sale is on 6/6. Our summer break is coming. We will re-open for our fall sale on 9/12. Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 –11:30 a.m. except for the Tuesday before a sale.

Prayers for our Military: Memorial Day weekend while we will pause to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, we also want to pray for the safety and strength of those currently serving. **Please share the names of your loved ones in the military with the office,** and join us Sunday, 5/24, for a special prayer of protection and gratitude.

Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been used in the past to fund major projects such as the Steeple renovation. Coming soon.....opportunities to sponsor new projects. Contributions can be made to Old North clearly labeled **CPF**.

THE BERGEN COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: This Friday, May 22, 2026 from 7 – 9 pm at Second Reformed Church of Hackensack, 463 Union Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601. **Stop Human Trafficking Seminar** featuring The Reverend Mandy Bristol-Leverett, Co-founder & Executive Director of Church & Community Abolition Network (CAN). As we prepare for the World Cup to come to NJ, our goal is to empower churches and communities to detect, take action, be an advocate, and care for survivors of human trafficking.

GRIMES - SPRING FUND: Application Letters are now being accepted for the Grimes Fund. Your letter must include a description of your course of study and your involvement in church. Applications may be sent to the church, emailed, or placed in Judy's mailbox in the library, and **must be received by June 7th**